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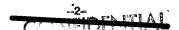
- 1. The Albanian Navy is subordinate to the naval section of the high command of the Albanian Armed Forces. This naval section, located at Tirana, has as its chief a colonel. He, and two or three officers of lesser rank who assist him, form the entire general staff of the Navy.
- 2. The Navy has only one base and one command headquarters, both of them located at Durres. Subordinate headquarters units exist at Sarande and on Saseno Island.
- The total strength of the Navy amounts to between 500 and 600 men. Of these, about 450 are stationed at Durres, either on shipboard or in the headquarters. About 50 or 60 form part of the garrison at Sarande, and approximately 100 are located on Saseno.
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  - Captain, First Class, Abdi Mati, Vice Commandant of the base and of the Naval Command.
  - Captain Ndoc Gjeluzi, Squadron Commander
  - c. Lieutenant Jani Bushi, Vice-Squadron Commander
  - d. Lieutenant Guri Lazo
  - Lieutenant Stefano Malinko
  - Sub-Lieutenant Vasil Xaxo
  - Officer Candidate Bari Durinishi
  - Officer Candidate, NU, who serves as Political Commissar.
- The Durres Naval Command is located in the building formerly occupied by the Italian Naval Command.
- 6. The Naval Squadron consists of two mine-sweepers, plus an unknown number

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of motorboats and armed sailing vessels. The mine-sweepers are both based at Durres, but one is at present stranded in Italian waters near Brindisi. Of the motorboats, four or five are at Durres, one is at Sarande, and approximately three are located at Saseno. A German landing craft, formerly in use as a patrol vessel, has now been decommissioned.

7. The one mine-sweeper currently operational weighs approximately 20 tons, has an average speed of six miles per hour, two motors in poor condition, and armament consisting of a Breda machine gun.



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